batore, Tiruchirapalli, Nilgiri, Periyar, Salem, Pudukkotai and Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu and Mysore in Karnataka shall be covered.

Attaches in Arab Countries for Indian Labour

392. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to appoint attaches in some Arab countries to help Indian emigrant labour in sorting out their problems; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal to appoint Labour Attaches in countries where there is large concentration of Indian workers is under active consideration.

Aid from Asian Bank for Housing

393. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take aid for housing from the Asian Bank; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Setting up of a National Wage Board

394. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up National Wage Board in order to bring parity of wages among workers in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) The question of a National Wage Policy has been considered from time to time at various forums in the Ministry of Labour. This matter was discussed last time in the State Labour Ministers' Conference held on 11th May, 1985 in New Delhi and in this connection several views were expressed. The suggestions made are engaging the attention of the Ministry and it is proposed to discuss them further from various aspects at the Indian Labour Conference which is proposed to be held later this year. Therefore, the Government have at present no proposal to set up a National Wage Board.

Civic amenities for colonies in Delhi

395. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been reached resently between the Delhi Development Authority and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi with regard to undertake the civic amenities of 180 colonies by the latter: and

(b) if so, what are the names of the colonies and the date by when the Muni-

cipal Corporation is likely to provide civic amenities to these colonies?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) and (b) Yes, an agreement has been reached in principle. The date of handing over and taking over and the names of the colonies have, however, yet to be finalised.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

396. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning in the country State-wise; and

(b) the number of applications received and sanctioned during 1984-85 from Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) The number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning in the country State-wise is given below:—

Andhra Pradesh	6
Arunachal Pradesh	1
Assam	2
Bihar	8
Goa	1
Gujarat	5
Haryana	3
Himachal Pradesh	2
Jammu and Kashmir	1
Karnataka	5
Kerala	4
Madhya Pradesh	5
Maharashtra	6
Manipur	1
Meghalaya	1
Mizoram	1
Nagaland	1
Orissa	5
Pondicherry	1
Punjab	1
Rajasthan	6
Sikkim	1
Tamil Nadu	5
Tripura	2
Uttar Pradesh	10
West Bengal	5
TOTAL :	89

(b) Seven proposals were received from the Karnataka State for the establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras and three were sanctioned during 1984-85.

Rice allocation to Karnataka

397. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines issued to release rice quota to the States from the Central pool;

(b) the quantity of rice demanded by and issued to Karnataka during the years 1983, 1984 and so far in 1985; and

(c) whether any subsidy is involved in these releases?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Allocations of rice to the various States/Union Territories are made on a month to month basis, taking into account the overall availability of